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Council Priorities

1. Education

2. Safety

3. Health

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county

Early Care Education

Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Lack of parenting education classes for parents

Action Steps

- 1) To assist in procuring a grant to hire an Intervention Specialist for county schools, who will help to educate parents about basic parenting skills.
- 2) The council recommends that there will be coordination between the Intervention Specialist and the County Extension Office in providing additional parenting training classes.

The need for additional training in the recognition and identification of child abuse and neglect cases

Action Steps

- 1) To identify any educational training programs available in this area.
- 2) To assist other agencies in locating and promoting county educational classes, training, and materials on the subject.

Economic Security

Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Lack of job training and placement for county teenagers

Action Steps

- 1) Work with area businesses and business groups in promoting career education and placement of county teens.
- 2) Recommend expanding career day at local schools.
- 3) Assist existing job training and placement services through referrals.

Lack of funding for vocational educational programs

Action Steps

- 1) Contact various federal, state, and local funding sources to find additional funding.
- 2) To promote cooperative partnerships between local businesses and schools to provide training in various vocation.

Education

Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

To identify at risk and multiple needs children at early ages and to provide needed resources and educational programs

Action Steps

- 1) To work within county agencies to formulate an early intervention plan.
- 2) To develop educational programs and materials on identifying at risk and multiple needs children.
- 3) To secure a grant to fund the position of an intervention specialist who would work with families of at risk and multiple needs children.

Formulate a community wide teen pregnancy prevention plan

Action Steps

- 1) To work with various county agencies to formulate a comprehensive plan to prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
- 2) To locate all available funding and resources in order to implement the plan.

Health

Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Lack of transportation for under privileged children to go to and from scheduled medical and dental appointments

Action Steps

- 1) To work through DHR and provide transportation for their clients.
- 2) Research and apply for public and private funding to create a public transportation system to provide these essential services.
- 3) Work with non-profit corporations and area churches to assist in providing transportation for persons in need.

Need of a central location where multiple services can be offered

Action Steps

- 1) Check with area realtors and business owners to locate a suitable location.
- 2) Check for any state, federal, or private funding for said location.
- 3) Form or utilize an existing charitable corporation to run the program.

Parent Involvement Skills

Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Lack of parental involvement in schools and general apathy

Action Steps

- 1) Promote family oriented events that promote parental involvement in area schools.
- 2) Promote community education and awareness programs in area schools.
- 3) Provide parenting skills classes and materials to parents.

Promote anger management and dispute resolution skills

Action Steps

- 1) Provide materials and training in anger management for parents.
- 2) Provide training in dispute resolution.

Safety

Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

School safety and drug awareness and prevention

Action Steps

- 1) Work with local officials to provide law enforcement officials for each county school.

Need for better education of our children concerning child predators, child neglect, and abuse

Action Steps

- 1) To assist local agencies in coordination of educational materials and programs.
- 2) To provide county resource manuals or information to all county agencies.
- 3) To identify all areas of particular concern and formulate action plans to address each.

Policy Recommendations

No Policy Recommendation submitted